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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : Confirmation No. 3545

Takafumi YUASA et al. : Docket No. 2001_0044A

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REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION OF OFFICE ACTION, AND
FOR RESTART OF RESPONSE PERIOD

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

In the Office Action mailed July 26, 2004 issued in connection with the above-identified application, item 5 on pages 3 and 4 states a rejection of claims 9-10 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), but the statement of the rejection omits identification of the tertiary reference. Although the tertiary reference appears to be identified in the body of the rejection as "Seo et al.", this "Seo et al." reference is otherwise not cited in the application.

As such, this "Seo et al." reference cannot be exactly identified (i.e. the publication number, country, type of publication, etc. is not provided, since the Seo et al. reference is not cited on either a Form PTO-1449 or a Form PTO-892),

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner issue a new Office Action particularly pointing out the identity of the tertiary reference for the rejection presented in item 5 on pages 3 and 4 of the Office Action. It is further requested that the reference be properly cited on a Form PTO-892.

In addition, it is respectfully requested that the period for response to the Office Action be restarted as of the date of the mailing of the new Office Action.

Respectfully submitted,

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